THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Several superfast trains are running via main line and serving Patna at present.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal at present to run a train like Rajdhani Express via Patna as it will require heavy investment for upgradation of track, signalling etc.

2131. [*Transferred to the 1st December, 1986*].

Floating Dry Dock at Nhava-Sheva Port

2132. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that floating dry dock located at Nhava-Sheva Port, and commissioned in 1983, has stopped operating and is being shifted to some other area from its present location by the port authorities;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the total amount which has so far been spent on the dry dock;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the floating dry dock is part of a 15 year perspective plan prepared by a team of consultants; and

(e) if so, what steps Government propose to take to save this national project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The present site allotted for this Floating Dry was purely temporary on a clear undertaking that the owner shall shift after a year to some other suitable site as the Floating Dry Dock at the temporary site comes in the way of development of Nhava-Sheva port.

(c) The project cost of the scheme as estimated was Rs. 21.60 crores with a foreign exchange component of Rs. 16.48 crores.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Government have indicated an alternative site at Dighi (Rajpuri Creek) near Bombay.

Security measures at International Airports

2133. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Airport Authority of India has issued fresh guidelines for undertaking security measures to the management of four international airports of India following the hijacking of Pan Am aircraft at Karachi;

(b) if so, what guidelines have been issued in this regard; and

(c) what steps have been taken to tighten the security at all airports of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Statement enclosed.

Statement

(1) Perimeter security at all the four international airports has been tightened.

(2) Entry on airside as well as other restricted areas of the airports has been further tightened.

(3) Air Carriers have been directed to ensure security of catering items.

(4) 'On-the Job' training programme has been initiated for airport security police.